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1. By an order which almost certainly came from the Soviet Control Commission at Karlshorst, the national railways of the People's Republic (DDR) are required to make a full report by 20 Nov 53 of the production possibilities of their repair shops. The following information is called for: (a) Total area of each separate shop; (b) Number of employees, broken down into skilled workers, semiskilled workers and office employees; (c) Statement of the present available machinery its condition, and of materials on hand; information and cost estimates on profitable enlargements are also asked for.
2. As the general railway administration at Dresden knows well, a beginning has already been made on the improvement of the repair shops. Great weight is being laid on modern lathes; each shop is to have two additional turret lathes. At the same time the Dresden general administration has set up a committee which visited the individual shops and reported on progress. A beginning has also been made of liquidating the unprofitably operating so-called machinery lending stations and distributing the machines among the national railway repair shops.

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